

Lifespan Respite Care Program

Project Summary

Grantee Organization: Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Aging and Adult Services

State: Arizona

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Project Overview:

The Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Aging and Adult Services, in partnership with the Arizona Aging and Disability Resource Consortium, the Arizona Caregiver Coalition and Arizona State University will continue to develop the state's Lifespan Respite Care Program. The **goal** of the program is to continue development of the Arizona Lifespan Respite Program (LRP) by integrating new partners into their network employing a "no wrong door" approach to service delivery, as well as supporting program sustainability through advocacy, collaboration and innovation.

The project **objectives** include 1) expanding the reach of the LRP to include all caregivers who would benefit from respite; 2) ensuring the program's effectiveness by offering consumer-directed service delivery; 3) improving public awareness of Lifespan Respite using a statewide Caregiver Resource line; 4) promote consistent delivery of quality respite services by exploring the feasibility of a new online registry; and 5) adapting the new caregiver assessment tool for use across the LRP network.

Outcomes and Products:

The anticipated **outcomes** of the project include: 1) increased awareness of LRP services; 2) improved access to quality respite services; 3) enhanced ability to keep the care recipient at home; and 4) improved data on respite provision.

The program **products** will include reports, data collection results and evaluation, as well as a variety of replicable program materials.